

CHAPTER 6

CONTROL OF FIREARMS, DANGEROUS WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES,
AND PYROTECHNICS

6000. GENERAL. In order to provide a more safe and secure environment aboard MCAS Miramar, the following policies and procedures concerning firearms, weapons, ammunition, explosives, and pyrotechnics are established.

6001. JURISDICTION. All individuals assigned to or visiting the station are subject to this Order, in addition to federal and state law pertaining to firearms, dangerous weapons, ammunition and explosives. Violations of this Order may be punishable under the UCMJ or applicable state and federal laws.

6002. DEFINITIONS

1. Firearm. A firearm is any weapon from which a projectile is expelled by force of explosion or through pressurized air and carbon dioxide. This includes, but is not limited to, all handguns, rifles, shotguns, and "BB" or pellet guns.

2. Dangerous Weapons. A dangerous weapon is any device that is specifically designed for the purpose of inflicting death or grievous bodily harm or, because of its inherent characteristics, is capable of inflicting death or grievous bodily harm. In addition to firearms, this includes swords, bows and arrows, slingshots, folding or sheathed knives with blades exceeding three inches, common fighting implements associated with martial arts, and clubs or batons designed or altered to be used as weapons, not including decorative displays.

6003. CONTROL OF FIREARMS, DANGEROUS WEAPONS, AND AMMUNITION. All personnel, with the exception of Military Police in the performance of official duties, will adhere to the following procedures regarding introduction, storage, transportation, discharge, transfer, or removal of firearms, dangerous weapons and ammunition aboard the station.

1. Disclosure of Dangerous Weapons. Any person bringing a weapon aboard the station will notify the Military Police at the gate that they are in possession of a weapon.

2. Registration of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons. Individuals must register all firearms and any other dangerous weapon with PMO upon introduction to the station per the following:

a. During normal working hours, Military Police will direct the individual to PMO Vehicle Registration to register their weapon(s). Following registration, owners residing in the Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) and BEQ are required to store the weapon(s) in the consolidated armory. (See paragraph 6003.4 for storage requirements).

b. After normal working hours and on weekends and holidays, Military Police will refer persons with weapon(s) to Military Police Headquarters, where the person's name, rank, unit, and the make, model and serial number of the weapon(s) will be recorded. The weapon(s) will then be stored in the PMO Ready For Issue (RFI) arms room until the next working day when the owner will register the weapon per paragraph 6003.2.a above. Personnel reporting aboard the station for duty will leave their weapon(s) in the PMO RFI arms room until they are assigned to a unit and afforded the opportunity to store with their respective unit.

c. Personnel entering East Miramar for firearms training at the range are exempt from weapon registration requirements. Such personnel will enter via the Camp Elliot gate, declare their weapon to Military Police, and take the most direct route to and from the range. Travel to any other area of the station will require that the weapon to be registered.

3. Transportation of Firearms, Dangerous Weapons, and Ammunition

a. No person shall carry on or about their person any firearm or other dangerous weapon concealed from view, except while in the performance of official duty. "On or about" means that the weapon is either carried or maintained within easy reach.

b. Other than when authorized in the performance of official duty, no person shall carry on or about their person or within their vehicle a loaded firearm. A firearm is deemed to be "loaded" whenever there is an unexpended round within the weapon, either chambered or within the cylinder/inserted magazine.

c. Other than when authorized in the performance of official duty, individuals transporting firearms or other dangerous weapons aboard the station must place the weapons within the trunk of their vehicle. If a vehicle does not have a trunk, the weapon may be transported in the passenger compartment, provided the weapon is not in reach of the driver. All firearms must be unloaded at the time of transportation. Ammunition must be transported in a closed container and separate from the weapon.

4. Storage of Firearms, Dangerous Weapons, and Ammunition

a. Military Family Housing. All personnel residing in military family housing who desire to store firearms or other dangerous weapons in their quarters will register all weapons with PMO per paragraph 6003.2 above. A completed copy of the registration form will be used as a permit for such retention and must be stored with the weapon at all times. Ammunition for registered weapons may also be stored in quarters. All firearms, dangerous weapons, and ammunition must be inaccessible to minors, locked, and/or disassembled to render them inoperable.

b. Barracks or Bachelor Officers Quarters. At no time will firearms, dangerous weapons, or ammunition be allowed in the barracks or BOQ aboard the station, unless required in the performance of official duties. Unit armories are the only acceptable storage spaces for firearms, dangerous weapons, and ammunition owned by Barracks or BOQ residents. Personnel removing their weapons from the consolidated armory for use over a weekend or in the evening will not store their weapon(s) in the barracks or in their vehicles. When aboard the station, the weapon(s) will be temporarily stored in the PMO RFI, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

5. Discharge of Firearms. Firearms will not be discharged on the station except when authorized and within designated areas.

6004. ALTERING OR REMOVING IDENTIFYING MARKS OR NUMBERS. No individual will alter or remove any identifying mark or number from any firearm or other dangerous weapon in their possession, nor will any individual possess any weapon that has been altered.

6005. GOVERNMENT WEAPONS. At no time will government owned firearms or ammunition be taken to or stored in private living quarters (housing, barracks, BOQ, etc.), except in the performance of official government business. Weapons may be removed from the station only upon authorization of the unit commander.

6006. SALE, LEASE, TRANSFER, AND REMOVAL. Individuals who sell, lease, or transfer possession of any firearm or other dangerous weapon aboard the station will report the transfer to the Provost Marshal's Office immediately, and all such transactions must comply with all applicable state and federal laws. If the weapon is to be maintained aboard the station by the new owner, that person must comply with the provisions of this Order. Individuals will deregister all firearms and dangerous weapons when permanently transferred from the station. Departing personnel must deregister their weapons in person at PMO prior to leaving the station.

6007. EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS AND, PYROTECHNICS. Introduction, possession and use of explosives, fireworks, or pyrotechnics aboard the station are prohibited except when required in the performance of official duties. Such material may not be stored in the barracks, BOQ, or within military family housing.

6008. CHEMICAL IRRITANTS. The introduction, possession, and use of mace, tear gas, pepper spray, and all other similar chemical irritants aboard the station is permitted provided the weapon is registered with the Provost Marshal and the owner completes any prescribed safety course as determined by the Provost Marshal. Additionally, the owner may not have been convicted of any felony crime involving an assault or illegal narcotic drug. The owner must be at least 18 years of age, or 16 years old with parental consent. The chemical must be an aerosol type container and not more than two and a half ounces in weight. The chemical may only be employed in self-defense.

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6009. CONFISCATION. Items found in violation of this Order or any applicable state/federal laws will be confiscated and may be disposed of in the best interest of the U.S. Government.